

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

RONALD F. ROMERO,
Petitioner,

vs.

Cause No. 1:09-cv-232 RB/DJS

DONNA K. GOODRICH, Warden, Gallup
McKinley Adult Detention Center, and
PUEBLO OF NAMBÉ,

Respondents.

ORDER STRIKING NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

THIS MATTER comes before the Court sua sponte on the Notice of Substitution of Counsel [Doc. 46] filed June 1, 2011. It has come to the Court's attention that clinical law students are regularly entering appearances and substituting as counsel for Petitioner without obtaining Court approval. [Docs. 2, 17, 37, 46.] The practice shall cease in this case.

Rule 83.11 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure requires an order before a student may appear before the court. D.N.M.LR-Civ. 83.11. Local Rule 83.11 also requires a clinical law student whom the Court has approved to represent a party to be actively supervised by a member of the Federal Bar designated by the dean. A review of the docket in this case reveals an unacceptable lack of familiarity with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules, suggesting a lack of active supervision in some instances. *See, e.g.*, Doc. 21 (Petitioner's Order Granting Leave to File Surreply), Doc. 44 (Petitioner Romero's Motion to Strike).

The Court hereby strikes the Notice of Substitution of Counsel [Doc. 46] filed June 1, 2011. Petitioner shall in the future file a motion seeking the Court's approval before a clinical law student will be permitted to enter an appearance. The Clerk of Court shall terminate Evie Jilek, clinical law student, as counsel for Petitioner.


DON J. SVETKEY
United States Magistrate Judge